Maywood Public School

Board of Education Budget Hearing Minutes Monday, September 8, 2014

The hearing was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Lyle Koester with the following Board members present: David Dodson, Sheri Hartley, Lance Hastings, Lyle Koester, Marty Schurr, and Brett Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mike Williams, Principal Trent Benjamin, school patrons, and staff.

The hearing was opened for community input for the 2014-15 Budget.

President Lyle Koester adjourned the Student Fee Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Williams Superintendent

Maywood Public School

Board of Education Tax Request Hearing Minutes Monday, September 8, 2014

The hearing was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by President Lyle Koester with the following Board members present: David Dodson, Sheri Hartley, Lance Hastings, Lyle Koester, Marty Schurr, and Brett Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mike Williams, Principal Trent Benjamin, school patrons, and staff.

The hearing was opened for community input for the 2014-15 Tax Request.

President Lyle Koester adjourned the Parent Involvement Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Williams Superintendent

Maywood Public School

Board of Education Regular Meeting Monday, September 8, 2014

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by President Lyle Koester with the following Board members present: David Dodson, Sheri Hartley, Lance Hastings, Lyle Koester, Marty Schurr, and Brett Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mike Williams, Principal Trent Benjamin, school patrons, and staff.

Principal Benjamin gave a report on the 2013-14 MAP scores and NeSA scores. A thorough explanation of the MAP scores was given along with how the teachers are able to take the data from the MAP testing and use it in their daily instruction. It was emphasized that the school would be working to continue to improve MAP scores and, subsequently, the NeSA scores would also improve too. It was also presented that the NeSA scores, especially the NeSA-Writing scores were dramatically improved.

Dodson moved and Hastings seconded a motion to accept the agenda as amended. The motion passed 6-0.

Schurr moved and Hartley seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2014, regular Board of Education Meeting as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Hastings moved and Dodson seconded a motion to pay the bills, as presented, in the amount of \$100,623.67. The motion passed 6-0.

Koester moved and Dodson seconded a motion to pay the payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$177,362.84. The motion passed 6-0.

Koester moved and Schurr seconded a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Principal Benjamin reported on storage issues with plans to hold a silent auction for items that are no longer used in the classroom or around the school facilities on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

Superintendent Williams reported on the concessions/restroom building project, negotiations with the MEA, staff positions, and professional development. President Koester appointed David Dodson to fill out the Negotiations Committee for the Board.

Dodson moved and Schurr seconded a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss correspondence and legal advice from the District's legal counsel so as to protect the public interest. The motion passed 6-0.

President Koester restated that the purpose of entering Executive Session was to discuss correspondence and legal advice from the District's legal counsel so as to protect the public interest. This is the only item that will be discussed.

Dodson moved and Hartley seconded a motion to return to regular session of the September Board meeting at 9:50 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

No action was taken on the concessions/restroom building project because of a lack of a motion.

Hastings moved and Hartley seconded a motion to hire Lisa Fauss as a paraeducator for the 2014-15 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

Dodson moved and Hastings seconded a motion to approve the property tax request of \$.813653 for the General Fund and \$.008701 for the Special Building Fund for the 2014-15 school year. The motion passed 6-0.

Hastings moved and Hartley seconded a motion to adopt the 2014-15 budget as presented with the following breakdowns – General Fund, \$3,997,939.00; Depreciation, \$444,000.00; Employee Benefit, \$81,018.00; Activities, \$161,559.00; School Lunch, \$131,126.00; Special Building Fund, \$173,522; Student Fees, \$3,378.00 – for a total of \$4,992,542.00. The motion passed 5-1 (voting yes – Dodson, Hartley, Hastings, Koester, Schurr; voting no – Wood).

Hartley moved and Schurr seconded a motion to approve Emily Anders as a local area substitute teacher. The motion passed 5-0.

Koester moved and Hastings seconded a motion to approve a resolution that recognizes and denounces the numerous complaints filed by Mr. Tim Wolfe to either this Board or to different state agencies. The motion passed 6-0.

Koester moved and Dodson seconded a motion to approve and adopt the actions taken by the administration of Maywood Public School in addressing alleged NDE Rule 10 violations. The motion passed 6-0.

Dodson moved and Hastings seconded a motion to adjourn the September 8, 2014, regular Board of Education Meeting at 10:11 p.m., and set the next regular Board of Education meeting for Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Williams Superintendent

RESOLUTION ON PATRON COMPLAINTS AND COMPLAINTS AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2013, Tim Wolfe filed a complaint with the Nebraska State Auditor alleging possible waste, mismanagement, or fraud, but the auditor took no issue with or action against the school district or any of its officials after receiving the school district's response; and

WHEREAS, (a) in July 2013, Mr. Wolfe attempted to recall four sitting board members, (b) his recall efforts failed because he was unable to gather anywhere near enough signatures on the recall petitions as required by law to get the recall effort past the initial stages, and (c) rather than gracefully accept defeat, Mr. Wolfe falsely and publicly accused board members of intimidating community members not to sign the petition; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2013, and September 3, 2013, Mr. Wolfe filed a complaint with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office alleging a violation of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, and the Attorney General's office, much like the Nebraska State Auditor, determined that no action was necessary after receiving the school district's response; and

WHEREAS, (a) on November 11, 2013, Tim and Andrea Wolfe filed an allegation that a school district administrator subjected Maywood students to corporal punishment, (b) the superintendent found that the allegations were untrue, and (c) this board's review of the matter showed that not only were the students not subjected to corporal punishment, they weren't subjected to any punishment at all; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2014, (a) Tim Wolfe filed false allegations with a school board member's employer alleging that the board member was using state property for personal use, (b) the board member's employer investigated the allegations and found that they were completely untrue; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 6, 2014, Tim Wolfe filed false allegations with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office concerning alleged threats he received from a board member; and

WHEREAS, it is the school board's belief that Mr. Wolfe files these false, frivolous, and malicious complaints and allegations in a misguided attempt to harass this school board and its individual members; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wolfe's false and malicious complaints and allegations have cost the district, up to this point, more than \$14,000 in personnel labor costs and legal fees to defend itself; and

WHEREAS, any entity that receives any future complaint from Mr. Wolfe should know about his dishonest and harassing behavior toward the School District and its staff and board members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all staff and board members are directed to include a copy of this resolution in any and all responses to any complaint, report or allegation submitted by Tim Wolfe about the Maywood School District or any of its staff or member of its board of education.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2014

Frontier County School District No. 32-0046, commonly known as Maywood Public Schools

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